Red Devils Will Challenge For District Championship

RUSTBURG - The Red Devils of Rustburg High School will present a serious challenge to Brookville, Amherst and Nelson County for the Seminole District football championship as the season gets underway Sept. 6.

Coach Ray Wade, in his third season as head coach, and ninth season at Rustburg is highly optimistic about this year's squad which is the largest, in numbers, since Wade has been at the Campbell County school.

"We have a young offense," Wade says. "But with Rock Lee coordinating and Bruce Biehl working with the line, we expect to get started early and make a run for the title."

Steve Holloway, an all-district selection at center last season, will anchor the offensive line for the Red Devils. Holloway will be given ample help from junior guards Tommy Garner and Richard Carson while Steve Mason, Cullen Gillman and Ray Miear are bidding for starting slots at tackle.

Garner and Carson are both returnees while Miear has moved up from the junior varsity.

James Trent, another senior returnee will get the nod at tight end with track star Willie Clark manning the split end slot. Gary Anthony will play the slot back in the Red Devil's multiple offense.

A pair of experienced quarterbacks, senior Robert Lee and junior Mark Wright will direct the offense. Howard Lewis, Dave Bohan and Jerry Brown will share the duties at running back.

Walter Jackson, Jeff Scott and Roddy McDaniel are waging a contest for the inside positions the defensive line. If McDaniel, a sophomore, wins a position, Jackson, a junior, will move to an outside slot.

Freshman David Farmer seems to have a lock on one tackle position with Howard, Tillman and Holloway trying to nail down the other spot. Greg Stratton and Garner will be the defensive ends.

A host of linebackers lead the Red Devils defensive unit with Ricky Barringer, Lynn Lewis and Bohan getting the nod for starting assignments.

Rick Franklin, Steve Frazier, Kenny Tweedy, Robert Williams and Clark and Trent are scheduled for duty in the secondary.

Frazier and Steve Stebens will handle the kicking chores, except kickoffs which will be handled by Clark. Lewis is slated to do the punting for the Red Devils.

Rustburg was 8-1-1 last season and shared second place with Nelson County as the two battled to a 20-20 tie in the final game of the season.

"We'll know after the second game, in fact we might know after the first game, what our chances are in the district," remarks Wade, "We play Amherst the second week of the season, and that should be a good indication of what we will do."

Wade continues, "I know one thing, I wouldn't want to play us if I were the opposing coach.

Ray Wade

I expect Appomattox to upset some of the teams and be in contentin, but it still looks like Brookville and Amherst as the teams to beat."

We pick Rustburg to finish fourth in the district behind Amherst, Brookville and Appomattox.

Ricky Wingfield, Captain

Berry Senior Coach

Amherst County's Tom Berry suddenly finds himself as the senior coach in the Seminole District as he prepares to open his 12th season at the helm of the Lancers.

Berry attended E. C. Glass High School, graduating in 1949. After four years at the University of Virginia where he played defensive half back, Berry enlisted in the Marine Corps for a four year hitch.

"I didn't play or coach football in the Marines," Berry says, "I went in to defend my country and right after boot camp I was sent to Korea."

After his release from service, Berry joined the Cavalier coaching staff as an assistant to then head coach Ben Martin.

Martin moved to the New Air Force Academy in 1958 taking Berry with him. After four years at the Academy, Berry decided that big time college football was not worth the pressure involved, and resigned his position with the Falcons to accept the job at Amherst County in 1963.

In addition to his coaching duties at Amherst, Berry instructs driver education and has his own commercial driving school Berry owns a "small" farm in Amherst County where he grows a few head of cattle and collects antiques, especially early American pieces and silver.

The greying 45-year-old mentor compiled an impressive coaching record from 1963 to 1969, before the Amherst County was thrust into the Group AAA Valley District and later into the Western District.

Back in Group AA, the Lancers, and Berry, should begin another long skein of successful seasons as the Amherst school has the material to compete on even grounds with other schools in the district.

Young Minutemen Expect To Compe

BEDFORD - Liberty High School will field one of the youngest teams in the Seminole District for the 1974 football season, but head coach Cecil Ratcliff expects his Minutemen to be competitive.

With only six seniors in a field of 40 varsity candidates Liberty will depend on some experienced juniors and a host of sophomores moving up from the junior varsity to furnish depth to the team that finished second in the district last season.

Ratcliff is beginning his second year as head coach and his sixth at Liberty. Jim Cutler, Steve Reedy, Robert Ashwell and Bill Figart will assist Ratcliff with the varsity while Roger Dick and Rob Boram will handle the junior varsity squad.

Senior quarterback Marcus Fariss is considered to be a good passer and should handle Liberty's veer offense with ease while Tom Wood, with excellent speed will man the slot back.

Cecil Ratcliff

A pair of senior guards, 5-10, 189 pound Ricky Wilkerson and 5-10, 150 pound Donald Poindexter will anchor the offensive line. Both are agressive gridders, though they lack the size to be considered top guards in the district.

Bruce Jenrette, another senior, has good size and good hands and could become the top tight end in the league. The 6-3, 200 pounder works hard at improving his game. Jenrette was a starter last season.

The other senior is defensive end Damon Jones. Jones at 6-4, 230 pounds, has the potential of becoming one of the district's top performers.

Juniors Vincent Lowry and Mark Allen will probably get the nod to start at the running back posts. Allen lacks the speed to go outside, but is a powerful runner who uses his blocking to good advantage.

Lowry packs only 155 pounds on his 6-2 frame, but he is quick starting can go outside and can also be used a pass receiver.

John Coles and Reggie Day are the only other returning lettermen. Ratcliff says, "Day will be the best defensive lineman in the league. He is big, strong, quick and hits hard." Cole who tips the scales at 275 pounds could be a great lineman according to Ratcliff. Both are slated to do two way duty at tackle.

Sophomores expected a lot of playing time linebackers Don Minnick, Falls and Bill Cabral, Stuart Hatter and guard Bond.

Ron Wilson, another more may be the center. The youngster on the JV's last season graduation took Liberty experienced center.

Lamie Hags and Garnder, both sophomores waiting the wings for a quarterback should Ratcliff to get the job done.

who did not letter season, but have impressive in practice Barry Gordon, Kevin and Andy Shipp, runn Steve Anderson an Parker, center Gerald and linebacker Mike street.

Ratcliff picks his to finish third in the d behind last year's Brookville and dist comer Amherst.

Gretna Experienced, Lacks Size And Depth

GRETNA - Lawson "Slick" Andrews, head coach of the Gretna High School Hawks thinks any team that will win six or seven games in the Seminole District football race will have had a successful season.

The Hawks will be young, only four seniors reported for practice, but most of the juniors and some of the sophomores won letters last year as Gretna finished the season with a 2-8 record.

Mike Luck, a junior quarterback had a fantastic sophomore season, will operate the "I" formation with sophomore Ricky Simpson at fullback, junior Eric James and junior Stewart Moon at the running backs.

Barry Johnson, a 6-1, 160 pound senior is likely to be one starting end with junior Robin Swanson at the other end post.

Three youngsters are battling for the starting tackle slots with senior Roger Ward and junior Tim Dalton having the inside track, but sophomore Rusty Shelton, 6-0, 210, is making a strong bid for a starting assignment.

Tony Franklin will get the nod at center with back-up help from junior Bill Hines. Tim Wilson and Barry Farrer are slated to fill the starting guard slots with Tim Gammon and Ray Cocke in reserve.

Defensively James, Moon, Simpson, Wilson and Dalton will probably see action along with Jaris Lanier, who is slated to play at tackle in the five man front.

Gretna will probably be an improved team this season, but so many other teams in the district have shown improvement that it is doubtful the Hawks record will be much better than last season.

The Hawks play Rustburg the first game of the season, then meet defending champion Brookville before the schedule gives them a break and they play Jefferson Forest, William Campbell, Appomattox, and Staunton River.

Gretna could win three or four of their first seven ball games, and if the Hawks could pull an upset over Rustburg they might gain the momentum needed to push them to a winning season.

The Hawks lack size and depth, but they do have quite a bit of experience in the starting line-up as a result of the rebuilding program begun last year by Andrews.

Andrews says, "We are going to go out on the field and give them the best game we can. We're not going to roll over and play dead for anyone."

Andrews adds, "We have to have a good air game. We think we can run the ball well enough, but we have to stay healthy and we need good blocking up front. We have to score early and hold on."

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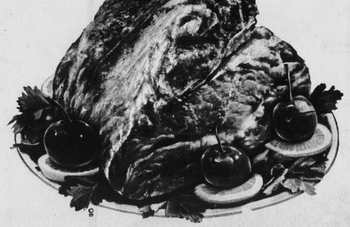

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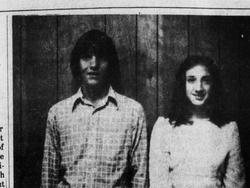
... and nights are about ... equal in mid-Septem- ... "For the time soon. Also ... way, thanks for reading ... week. Right on.

Benefit Scheduled For David Repass

Dave Repass the stock car "Ace" from Appomattox is now home from the hospital. Repass the 1972 and 1973 Sportsman Champion of Waynesboro's Eastside Speedway, was severely burned in a fiery crash during competition May 25th. He was making his bid for the lead on the third lap when the accelarator of his chevelle hung wide open going into the third turn. The beautiful blue and white machine plowed thru the wall at approximately 100 m.p.h. sailed some 20 feet upwards in the air turned upside down and crashed to the ground in a burst of flames. He was taken from the track to Waynesboro Community Hospital for temporary treatment before being transferred to the University of Virginia Hospital's burn center later that night. His injuries consisted of third degree, burns to both legs and his right arm, second degree burns to his face and stomach and a broken breast bone. While in the hospital Dave overcame encounters with a blood clot in one of his lungs, pneumonia and numerous operations. He was just recently released from the hospital although still under strict doctor's care. Dave is regarded by his fellow drivers as "one of the best." He is a very competitive, conscientious young driver. His stock car career started five years ago in a 1957 Chevy built by his father. Everyone is tremendously happy to have Dave home from the hospital but none so happy as his faithful four; his parents Bill and Rosa, his wife Bonnie and daughter Sherri. It is not yet confirmed as to when Dave will be allowed by his doctors to return to work. His progress is good although recovery from injuries such as his, is a long drawn out affair, he presently is learning to walk again. Several of Repass' friends have planned a dance in his honor to be held Friday, September 20th at the Avalon Club in Appomattox. Everyone is invited to attend. Dance time is 9 til 12. All proceeds will go to speed up his full recovery.

The use of the Avalon Club was donated by Mr. Jack Lawson. The music is being donated by "Al Reynolds and the Drifters." Dave will be on hand to personally greet his many friends. Everyone is urged to come and say a special "Welcome home. Dave."



Talent Competition Winners

JOE FORD, left, and Miss Melinda McIntosh won first place in talent competition at the Five County Fair held in Farmville last week. The couple won over 11 other acts with Joe doing a dramatic reading of "Ballad of Two Brothers" with Melinda playing background music on the piano. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Ford of Appomattox while Melinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. McIntosh of Pamplin. The pair was awarded $50.00 for winning first place.

County Supervisors Hit By Inflated Interest Rate

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors found that inflation is not limited to the individual consumer when they applied for a loan at the monthly meeting Sept. 13.

A request from the school board in excess of $300,000. for payment of contractor costs for the construction of the new high school prompted the supervisors to borrow the money against expected tax revenue.

The Virginia State Code prohibits counties and municipalities paying more than six per cent interest on loans from commercial sources, but the lowestrate available was seven per cent.

Working through the Appomattox Commonwealth Attorney, Sam Kerr, the board gained an exemption from the state Attorney General's office in order to complete the transaction.

Lloyd Walton, Division Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools presented the supervisors with the census figures for the 1974-75 school year and requested assistance in having Evergreen Avenue extended to intersect with East Lee-Grant Avenue. The extension would alliviate congestion of school buses at the intersection of routes 635 and 460.

In other action supervisors John C. Cole, Otha Martin and Hunter Tolley approved a request from the National Guard for establishing alternate headquarters in the county.

John Wilson and George H. Shirey appeared before the supervisors to request a dog control ordinance in the county. Both farmers have had animals ravaged by loose German shepherds and other animals have been harrassed by barking dogs.

Shirey told the supervisors, "Dog owners are emotional people, but they should show some sense of responsibility. I own dogs too, but I keep them under control, and don't let them bother other people's property."

The supervisors discussed the possibility of some type of tatoo or other permanent means of marking dogs for identification of the owner, but no motion was made to institute new dog controls.

Eastside Champ Dave Repass

Mrs. Webb Will Attend School Board Convention

Mrs. Ruth Webb, member of the Appomattox County School Board, will attend the 1974 Annual Convention of the Virginia School Boards Association to be held Sept. 26-28 at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va. This convention offers Virginia's school board members and school administrators an opportunity to hear and discuss educational topics of importance to Virginia and to the nation. The convention is planned to be an idea-packed two-day session where participants can avail themselves of the latest and best ideas - as well as experience - of experts in the field concerning the provision of an ever improving system of free public education.

At the opening session on Thurs., Sept. 26, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of the Atlanta Board of Education, will deliver the keynote address, "Communication is the Key". Having served as President of Morehouse College in Atlanta for 27 years, Dr. Mays is well-known throughout the nation both as an educator and as a public speaker.

On Friday morning, Sept. 27, seminars will be conducted on "Successful School Practices." Among the practices which will be discussed will be the following:

Working with Disruptive Students

Effective Human Relations Practices

Sex Stereotyping in Schools

Communicating with the Community

Communicating with Teachers.

The Annual Banquet of the Association will be held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The Honorable Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, will be the featured speaker. Governor Godwin's record as a Governor supportive of education is well known to Virginia school board members and school administators.

ACS Holds Kickoff Dinner

The American Cancer Society held a Kickoff Dinner at the Parkway Restaurant Sept. 17.

Jody Rainwater, Celebrety Chairman of the Bike-A-Thon was the guest speaker. Special service awards were presented to Dr. C. G. O'Brien, President of the Appomattox chapter and board members, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. W. E. Jamerson and Mrs. W. E. Chenault.

The Appomattox chapter of the ACS will sponsor a Bike-A-Thon Sept. 29. Riders will cover a 10-mile course backed by cash pledges from county residents. All proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will be used in the society's fight against cancer.

Several groups have indicated that they plan to have riders in the annual event. The Future Farmers of America will have a number of riders, as will the Boy Scouts of America.

Last year the event raised $2,600 when 65 riders participated. The Bike-A-Thon is open to riders in their teens and to adults. Entry blanks are available at both Appomattox County High School and Appomattox Middle School as well as at the Travelers Inn Motel.

Social Services Dept. Moves

Wednesday, Sept. 25, has been set as moving day for the Appomattox County Department of Social Services. New quarters are in the lower section of the recently erected county office building on Morton Lane. The office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday while the transfer is being made. Regular office hours will be resumed on Monday, Sept. 30.

Farmers To Make Nominations For ASC Committeemen

Farmers are asked to nominate candidates of their choice to be on the ASC community committee ballot, says James R. Ford, Jr. local ASCS Chairman.

The ASC community committee election will be conducted from Nov. 22 to Dec. 2, by mail ballot. The three ASC communities in Appomattox County are Cloverhill, Southside, and Stonewall.

ASC committees are responsible for managing government farm programs on the local level. To meet the needs of individual producers, ASC committee members must be concerned and responsible individuals. Mr. Ford said. Appomattox county farmers have the opportunity to nominate persons they feel would best serve the farm community. Farmers will soon receive petition forms by mail and may begin submitting them to the county ASCS office on Oct. 3.

A few basic cosiderations should be kept in mind when circulating petitions, Ford said. In order to be valid, petitions must be limited to one nominee each, must include written certification tha the nominee is willing to serve if elected, must be signed by at least three eligible farm voters in the ASC community, and must be received in the county ASCS office no later than Oct. 29.

A farmer may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as he chooses. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the ASC committee election may contact the county ASCS office for full details, including eligibility requirements for officeholders.

Mr. Ford believes that farmer nominations of candidates for the upcoming ASC committee election are very important. He said, "Farmers should petition for and elect those individuals they feel would do a good job as ASC committeemen. The election of concerned farmers to positions on ASC committees is necessary for good administration of farm programs."

The Chairman further explained that the county ASCS office welcomes all valid petitions. The opportunity to nominate, vote, and be elected to office is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

VBA Urges Studen: Loan Support

RICHMOND-Banks throughout Virginia were urged today to give top priority to requests for loans to college students to enable them to embark on and complete their college education, in a letter to all Virginia bank chief executive officers from Herbert C. Moseley, President of the Virginia Bankers Association and Vice Chairman of Bank of Virginia-Central, Richmond.

County School Enrollment Shows Marked Increase

Appomattox County Schools show a marked increase in enrollment for the 1974-75 school year according to Division Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Walton.

Walton told members of the Appomattox County School Board that there are 146 more students enrolled this year than there was on the last day of school for the 1973-74 school year.

"The increase is in the middle classes, the sixth, seventh and eighth grades," Walton said. "There was some decrease in the first and second grades, but an overall increase in the total enrollment," Walton added.

The school census report was given to the school board at its monthly meeting September 13.

Walton also told the board that he expects the enrollment to increase even more before the end of the current school year as some of the business and industry now under developement in Appomattox County and the surrounding area becomes operational.

The board approved the payment of $300,131. to J. E. Jamerson and son, the contractor for the new Appomattox County High School. An additional $50,000 is being withheld from the contractor until minor detail work is completed.

The board also approved Sunday, October 6 as the formal dedication day for the new school. A tentative guest list was presented by board member Mrs. Ruth Webb. The list includes U. S. Senators Harry F. Byrd, Jr. and William L. Scott, Gov. Mills Godwin, Lt. Gov. Dalton, Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller, State Senator Howard P. Anderson, State Delegate Claude Anderson and elected county and town officials.

Invitations will also be extended to former school board members, former principals of the Appomattox County schools and educators from surrounding counties.

The board approved the application to the State Department of Education for funds for 30 students in s work studies program. The cost will be $10,500 with $8,400 being reimbursed by the state.

The program will allow students from low income families to be employed by the school board as custodians at $1.00 per hour with a maximum of $45.00 per week.

Walton also discussed a possible extension of Evergreen Avenue which would connect with East Lee-Grant Avenue. The extension would allow the school buses to travel through town instead of using their current route of Route 460.

The school board approved the fall and winter athletic schedules for the high school and middle school, and approved the use of a report card utilizing the letter grade system with space to indicate work habits and attitude and space for the parent or the teacher to request a conference to discuss a students progress.

The board went into executive session following the regular meeting.

Constitution Week Exhibit

Members of the area Daughters of the American Revolution have prepared the pictured exhibit in the window of the Main Street Branch of the Farmers National Bank in Appomattox in observance of Constitution week. The exhibit was prepared by Mrs. Howlette B. Martin and Mrs. Shafter Drinkard. Included in the display are a number of books relating to the Constitution, a Bible, a sample voting ballot, a pen, a key, a center fold reproduction of the painting of the Constitutional Congress, two American flags and pictures of James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. The display will be in place through September 23.

Constitution Week Observed By DAR

"We THE PEOPLE of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justic, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

These lines from the Constition of the United States should be in much evidence during the week of Sept. 17 through Sept. 23, Constitution Week.

Originated by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1955, Congress passed a joint resolution in 1956 which the president signed into law the same year designating that the week beginning Sept. 17 and ending Sept. 23 would be known as Constitution Week and the President of the United States would issue an annual proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe the week in schools, churches and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Active in this year's observance are area DAR members Mrs. Howlette B. Martin, Mrs. Shafter Drinkard, Mrs. H. Y. Spencer, Mrs. Horace Coleman, Mrs. Stewart Farrar, Mrs. Robert Sears and Mrs. Thelbert Trent.

VEPCO Plans Rate Increase

Virginia Electric and Power Company has announced plans to increase rates paid by the rural electric cooperatives, municipalities and one private utility the company serves on a wholesale basis.

These wholesale customers, whose rates are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission (FPC), were notified of the proposed increase in a letter which was sent yesterday by Robert S. Gay, Vepco manager of rates.

In the letter, Mr. Gay said, "The basic objective of our company continues to be to provide to all our customers the best possible electric service at the lowest practicable costs. However, our cost increases can no longer be absorbed. We feel it is essential, in order to continue to provide reliable service, that our rate for electric service to our rural electric cooperative, municipal and privately owned utility customers must be increased."

Middle School PTA Meets

The Appomattox County Middle School Parent Teachers Association will meet Tues., Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

The PTA executive board will meet at 7:30 in the library. All members are urged to attend the general meeting.

Scramble Planned October 6

The Golf Activities Committee at Falling River Country Club has announced plans for an 18-hole Couples Golf Scramble to take place on Sunday afternoon, October 6th.

Play will begin with shot-gun start at 1 p.m. and members are asked to register as soon as possible either at the Club House or by calling Mrs. Margaret Shields, Chairman for this event.

Registration fee for the 18-hole scramble will be $6.00. Prizes will be awarded the couples taking first, second and third place in the tournament.

Voting Precincts Won't Change

Due to legal technicalities that cannot be completed this year, all voting precincts in Appomattox County will remain the same and changes will take place in 1975.

Persons who have been voting at Chestwood, Chap and Walker's Church will continue to vote in these precincts as in the past.

All registered voters in the Town of Appomattox will continue to vote at the Court House this year as in the past.

People voting at Pamplin Precinct will vote this year at the Pamplin Fire House.